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Letter dated 26 April 2010 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to the mandate of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI), which expires on 31 May 2010. In paragraph 21 of its resolution 1911 (2010) of 28 January 2010, the Security Council expressed its intention to review in full by 31 May 2010, with a view to possible significant modifications, the mandate of UNOCI, the level of troops of the mission and the benchmarks referred to in annex I of my report of 7 January 2010 (S/2010/15), in the light of the progress in the organization of the elections and the implementation of the other key steps of the peace process. The Council requested me, in paragraph 22 of the same resolution, to provide a report by the end of April 2010, including detailed recommendations and options for the future of UNOCI as well as revised benchmarks, based on the results of a technical assessment mission.

In this regard, an interdepartmental technical assessment mission travelled to Côte d'Ivoire from 12 to 23 April, and the Secretariat, in close coordination with United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, is consolidating the findings of that mission, which will be included in my forthcoming report on UNOCI.

In order to provide the Council with a full picture of the rapidly evolving situation in Côte d'Ivoire, I propose that the Security Council authorize a technical rollover of the UNOCI mandate for one month, until 30 June 2010. This would allow the inclusion of the findings of the technical assessment mission and recommendations in my report, which would be issued by 31 May 2010.

I would be grateful if you would bring the present letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) **BAN** Ki-moon

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